

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Commercial Space Transportation
Advisory Committee—Open Meeting**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee (COMSTAC). The meeting will take place on Thursday, October 21, 1999, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Federal Aviation Administration Headquarters Building, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC, in the Bessie Coleman Conference Center (second floor). This will be the thirtieth meeting of the COMSTAC.

The agenda for the meeting will include reports from the COMSTAC Working Groups; a legislative update on Congressional activities involving commercial space transportation; an activities report from FAA's Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (formerly the Office of Commercial Space Transportation [60 FR 62762, December 7, 1995]); and an update from the Office of Science and Technology Policy regarding the federal interagency review on the future management and use of the U.S. space launch bases and ranges. The meeting is open to the public; however, space is limited.

Meetings of the Technology and Innovation, Reusable Launch Vehicle, Risk Management, and Launch Operations and Support Working Groups will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 1999. For specific information concerning the times and locations of these meetings, contact the Contact Person listed below.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should inform the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Parker (AST-200), Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (AST), 800 Independence Avenue SW, Room 331, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-8308; E-mail brenda.parker@faa.dot.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Environmental Impact Statement;
Aroostook County, ME**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will be prepared to improve transportation efficiency in Aroostook County, Maine. The EIS will examine highway infrastructure improvements to enhance transportation mobility and accessibility to and from Aroostook County, as well as within the County. These improvements are being considered as a means to improve the region's economy by improving access to jobs and services and by reducing travel time to markets outside Maine's northern-most county. The purpose of this study is to identify a Preferred Corridor only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James F. Linker Manager, Right of Way and Environmental Programs, Maine Division, Federal Highway Administration, 40 Western Ave. Augusta, Maine 04330, Tel. 207/622-8355, ext. 23; Ray Faucher, Project Manager, Maine Department of Transportation, State House Station 16, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016, Tel. 207/287-3172.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this EIS is to establish a one-half mile wide corridor for future highway development. The area under consideration, from the towns of Smyrna Mills to Madawaska, is quite large and is bounded on the west by Route 11, on the south by I-95, and on the north and east by the Canadian border. The enclosed area is roughly twice the size of the state of Rhode Island. The EIS will study up to seven corridors alternatives, including upgrades within existing highway corridors and corridors on new location. The seven corridors, plus the no-action alternative, will be selected through a screening process of up to 20 preliminary corridors. The corridors will be selected for review based on

their ability to provide transportation benefits and their environmental impacts. It is anticipated that highway segments with logical termini and independent utility will be constructed in the future within the selected corridor. Each segment will be supported by a separate environmental document in the later construction phase.

An 18-member public advisory committee has been established to represent the interests within the study area and to assist in the preparation of the EIS. Public scoping meetings will be held and are scheduled for the following locations: the Frenchville Community Center in Frenchville, September 14, 1999; the Northern Maine Technical College in Presque Isle, September 15, 1999; and the Miller Civil Center in Houlton on September 16, 1999.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48.

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Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Augusta, Maine.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration****Petitions for Waivers of Compliance**

In accordance with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Sections 211.9 and 211.41, notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has received a request for waiver of compliance with certain requirements of the Federal railroad safety regulations. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being sought and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

**Mass Transit Administration; FRA
Waiver Petition No. FRA-1999-5987**

The Mass Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MTA), dba as Marc Train Service, seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Roadway Worker Protection Standards, 49 CFR Part 214, Subpart C. MTA seeks a waiver of 49 CFR 214.329 which states:

Roadway workers in a roadway work group who foul any track outside of working limits shall be given warning of approaching trains by one or more watchmen/lookouts in accordance with the following provisions: